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<b>Application of:</b>	
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Ser. No.: 10/725,049	Art Unit No.: 1744
Filed: December 1, 2003	Docket No.: P03373
Title: <b>GENTLE PRESERVATIVE COMPOSITIONS FOR SELF-PRESERVING SOLUTIONS</b>	Confirmation No.: 2954

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 24, 2006 and is filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief, due January 22, 2007 because January 21, 2007 fell on a day that the USPTO is closed, accompanied by a request for continued examination. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.